THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGADISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). References about various road and bridge schemes for Uttar Pradesh pending with the Government are mentioned below along with their position:

(i) Proposal for conversion of four State Roads into National highways. This proposal can be considered only after the finalisation of the 8th Plan.

(ii) 43 schemes proposed to be financed against the augmented Central Road Fund. These would be processed after actual augmentation of the Central Road fund, which has not yet taken place.

(iii) 19 estimates for works on National highways. Subject to availability of funds and provision in the Plan, these wold be taken up after current year's Budget is approved.

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Uttar Pradesh.

7136. DR.LAL BAHADUR RAWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new branches of the nationalised banks in the rural and backward areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the name of the places where they are proposed to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) The growth of new bank branches under the extant licensing Policy will depend on well established need, business potential and financial viability of the proposed branches. Moreover, the opening of branches under the extant licensing policy is a continuous process, which will be governed by licences issued by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in this regard. Hence, at this stage it is not possible to project the number of branches of banks that will be opened in the rural and backward areas of uttar Pradesh.

[English]

World Bank Assistance to Boost Silk Production In Karnataka

7137. SHRI C.P.MUDALA GIRIYAPPA Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of World Bank assistance obtained for boosting the production of silk in Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to obtain more assistance from the World bank to boost the production of silk in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (c). For boosting the production of silk in the country (including Karnataka) a World bank/Swiss assisted National Sericulture Project (N.S.P.) is being implemented by the Central Silk Board (C.S.B.) in collaboration with States (including Karnataka) for a project period of 5 year commencing form 1989-90.

The total provision including Central Silk Board investment in Karnataka for 3 years from 1989-90 to 1991-92 is Rs. 9083.56 lakhs. The investment envisaged for the

remaining tow year period i.e. 1992-93 to 1993-94 is Rs. 4807.58 lakhs. The year-wise break up is as under:-

1989-90	1375.62 lakhs
1990-91	4342.67 lakhs
1991-92	3365.27 lakhs
	9083.56 lakhs
1992-93	2580.43 lakhs
1993-94	2227.15 lakhs
	4807.58

Export of Sandal Wood and Oil

7138. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sandal wood and sandal wood oil exported form Karnataka during each of the last three years;

(b) whether any efforts are being made by the Union Government to boost export of sandal wood oil to earn foreign exchange; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Export data is not maintained on statewise basis. However, export figures for sandalwood oil for the country as a whole for the last three years are as under:

(Value: Rs. Crores)

Year	Export
1988-89	6.29
1989-90	5.71
1990-91	6.71

(Source: CHEMEXCIL, Bombay)

Export of wood and timber in log and sawn sizes, including sandalwood, is not allowed under the current IMPEX Policy. However, export of Sandalwood chips of rough irregular size and shape with weight not exceeding 50 grams each and sandalwood in the form of dust, flakes and powder is allowed. Export performance of sandalwood products like chips, powder, dust and flakes for the past few years have been as under:

Year	*(Value: Rs. Crores)*
	Exports
1987-88	7.94
1988-89	3.83
1989-90	7.45

(Source: CAPEXCTI, Calcutta)

(b) and (c). The recent liberalisation of the Import-Export Policy and introduction of Exim Scrips will encourage export of sandalwood oil/chips/powder.

Soft Loans to Entrepreneurs in Delhi and Ghaziabad

7139. SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:

Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state: